

By: Lucio III

H.B. No. 847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by
3 contempt and the awarding of costs and fees in certain proceedings.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Sections 157.162(d) and (e), Family Code, are
6 repealed.

7 SECTION 2. The repeal by this Act of Sections 157.162(d) and
8 (e), Family Code, applies to a hearing to enforce an order in a suit
9 affecting the parent-child relationship that commences on or after
10 the effective date of this Act. A hearing that commences before the
11 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
12 date the hearing commenced, and the former law is continued in
13 effect for that purpose.

14 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.